During the 2020 season, the Detroit Tigers recognized and paid tribute to the 100th Anniversary of the Negro Leagues. As a part of the celebration, the Tigers created baseball cards of Negro Leagues players, as baseball cards were never created for them during their playing days. Check out the collection at tigers.com/africanamericanheritage.

Now you can make your own baseball card! Draw your picture and fill out your stats. Cut each card out, tape them together back-to-back, and send a photo of your completed baseball card to TigersKidsClub@tigers.com.

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY ROOTED IN DETROIT

The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, located in Detroit, was founded by Dr. Charles H. Wright in 1965 dedicated to exploring and celebrating the rich cultural legacy of African Americans.

The museum houses more than 35,000 artifacts pertaining to the African American experience and includes dozens of exhibitions throughout the museum. Some of the most notable in the museum include the Blanche Coggin Underground Railroad Collection, the Harriet Tubman Museum Collection, and the Sheffield Collection—a source of documents regarding the labor movement in Detroit—among others.

Visit the Tigers African American Heritage webpage at tigers.com/africanamericanheritage for the answers to the following questions and to learn more about the legacy of African Americans in the game of baseball!

1. Lou Whitaker spent his entire career with the Detroit Tigers and was a fixture at second base for the Tigers. He was also a crucial member of the 1984 World Series Championship team. How many seasons did he play with the Tigers? 
2. Jake Wood was the first African American to come through the Tigers farm system and play for the Detroit Tigers. What stadium did he make his major league debut at?
3. Upon completing his career, Lou Whitaker was one of only three second basemen to score 1,000 runs, have 1,000 RBIs, collect 2,000 hits, and launch 200 home runs. Who were the other two players that reached that feat? 
4. In 1961, Jake Wood lead the American League in Triples. How many triples did he hit that year? 
5. What was Lou Whitaker’s overall career fielding percentage? 

Source: Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History https://www.thewright.org/about-wright